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SUBJECT: GREEK VOTERS OVERWHELMINGLY FAVOR PRESIDENTIAL REPUBLIC

1. MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ANNOUNCED FINAL RESULTS OF DECEMBER 8 REFERENDUM--69.2 O/O VOTED FOR PRESIDENTIAL REPUBLIC (3,236,345 VOTES) AND 30.8 O/O FOR CROWNED DEMOCRACY (1,440,804 VOTES). ABSTENTION ESTIMATED AT 26 O/O.

2. FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT LATE LAST NIGHT OF TENTATIVE RESULTS PM CARAMANLIS ISSUED STATEMENT NOTING THAT REFERENDUM HAD BEEN HELD IN IRREPROACHABLE MANNER AND THAT GREEK ELECTORATE HAD EXPRESSED ITSELF IN FREEDOM AND WITHOUT BEING INFLUENCED. HE CALLED ON PUBLIC TO FORGET PAST AND RECENT DIFFERENCES AND FACE FUTURE UNITED. OPPOSITION LEADERS MAVROS, PAPANDREOU, FLORAKIS AND KKE INTERIOR ALSO ISSUED STATEMENTS ACCLAIMING VICTORY OF REPUBLIC.

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3. UNDER SECRETARY TO PM LAMBRIAS ANNOUNCED THAT RESIGNATION

OF PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS WOULD TAKE PLACE PROBABLY NEXT SUNDAY AFTER GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ITS POLICY STATEMENT. LAMBRIAS ANSWERED QUESTION ON GOG'S PREFERENCE FOR PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT BY NOTING THIS MATTER HAD NOT BEEN DECIDED AS YET. IN REPLY TO QUERY ON STATUS OF FORMER KING CONSTANTINE, LAMBRIAS SAID MATTER OF CITIZENSHIP OF CONSTANTINE HAD NOT BEEN RAISED AS YET; HOWEVER, PM CARAMANLIS THOUGHT IT WOULD NOT BE WISE FOR CONSTANTINE TO RETURN TO GREECE FOR SOME TIME.

4. PARLIAMENT MEETS AT 11:00 A.M., DECEMBER 9 WHEN DEPUTIES WILL TAKE OATH OF OFFICE. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF PARLIAMENT, VICE PRESIDENTS AND OTHER OFFICIALS WILL OCCUR LATER DECEMBER 9 AND DECEMBER 10. PM CARAMANLIS IS SCHEDULED TO PRESENT GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM AT DECEMBER 11 SESSION OF PARLIAMENT WHICH WILL BE REJOINED BY OPPOSITION LEADERS. RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS WOULD TAKE PLACE REPORTEDLY AFTER DISCUSSION IS COMPLETED ON GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM, PROBABLY NEXT SUNDAY.

5. ASSESSMENT OF REFERENDUM RESULTS FOLLOWS SEPTEL.
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